

Dear League President, Coach, Volunteer or Parent:

Babe Ruth League, Inc. is pleased to announce that beginning with the 2007 season, we will be debuting another exciting dimension to our program, the Cal Ripken Major League 70' Division. We received an overwhelming favorable response, which indicated there is a strong desire among our leagues and commissioners for this new division.

As I indicated previously, there will be NO CHANGE to the current Cal Ripken program. This new division, which has a 50' pitching distance and 70' base paths, will be offered as an additional option to your current league set-up. This new division will have a tournament trail from district competition through the World Series, just as the current division enjoys. Whether a league charts a Cal Ripken League or a Cal Ripken Major League 70' Program, their rookie and minor teams will still use the 46' pitching distance and 60' base paths.



With today's advanced baseball and bat technology, there is a common perception that players are stronger and developing at a faster rate than ten to twenty years ago. For this reason, coupled with the new age determination date of April 30th making players up to three months older, the 70' program provides a great option.

In addition, by establishing the Cal Ripken Major League 70' Program, Babe Ruth League, Inc. is on the "cutting edge" of the youth baseball arena by offering alternative field dimensions and will provide another great selling point for leagues to charter with the Cal Ripken Division.

Please visit the Babe Ruth website at www.baberuthleague.org for complete details on the 70-foot program.

We at "home plate" would like to thank you for your recognition and favorable response in supporting this new division. Our goal has always been, and will continue to be, to keep as many players as possible in the great game of baseball and to make it a fun and memorable experience for all.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven M. Tellefsen".

Steven M. Tellefsen
President/CEO, Babe Ruth League, Inc.



“ I am very excited about Babe Ruth League's new 70' program,” said Cal Ripken, Jr. “This is a wonderful, proactive step for youth baseball and, I believe, it will have a tremendous impact on the youth game. These days many kids are bigger and stronger than when we were kids and it was necessary to provide them with an option that will allow them to take their game to the next level. The 70' program will allow its participants to make an easier jump to the 60-90 field and, for many of these talented youngsters, it will allow them to enjoy a game that is more true and a better fit for them all the way around. The growth that this will allow them to experience with every aspect of their game is immeasurable. ”

— Cal Ripken, Jr.